

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 471

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

February 15, 2011

An act to add Section 185025 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to high-speed rail.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 471, as introduced, Bonnie Lowenthal. High-speed rail: Inspector General.

Existing law, the California High-Speed Rail Act, creates the High-Speed Rail Authority to develop and implement a high-speed train system in the state, with specified powers and duties. Existing law, the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, approved by the voters as Proposition 1A at the November 4, 2008, general election, provides for the issuance of \$9.95 billion in general obligation bonds for high-speed rail and related purposes.

This bill would provide for an Office of the Inspector General and would require the authority to appoint an inspector general, who would serve at the pleasure of the authority, and would prepare specified reports and audits relating to high-speed rail.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 185025 is added to the Public Utilities
- 2 Code, to read:

- 1 185025. (a) There is in the authority an Office of the Inspector
2 General.
- 3 (b) The authority shall appoint an inspector general who shall
4 serve at the pleasure of the authority and shall prepare independent
5 reports and audits relating to high-speed rail, as he or she deems
6 necessary and appropriate.
- 7 (c) The reports and audits of the inspector general shall be
8 provided directly to the authority.
- 9 (d) The inspector general may, as authorized by the authority,
10 appoint necessary staff to carry out the provisions of this section.